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COURT OF INQUIRY.

SUBJECT Loss of Rifle No. 1, MK.III, 65805 S.

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שם תיק: משטרה מנדט

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U/63/39.

24th January 1939.

Inspector General
Police Force.

I am directed to refer to your letter No P.30/1055 of the 18th January 1939 concerning the injuries received by Constable Israel Meirson on the 18th July 1938 while in actual performance of his duty and to authorise you to treat his absence on account of his sickness from the 18th July, 31st October 1938 as sick leave with full pay.

Signed. G.T. Farley.

For Chief Secretary

P.30/1055.

Nazareth.

Forwarded for information
and retention.

M. Stephens.
For Inspector General.

6/163/G.

Tiberias.

To note and return.

T&L. Coppard.

D.D.S.P.

Returned on 3/2/39.


Postmaster General

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Inspector General
Police Force

I am directed to refer to your letter

of the 10th of the month of January 1907 concerning
the request received by the Police Force for the
on the 10th of the month of January 1907. It is noted
of the 10th of the month of January 1907 and to ascertain
the cause of the delay in the delivery of the
letter of the 10th of the month of January 1907. It is
also noted that the letter of the 10th of the month of
January 1907.

Signed, J. J. Smith.

For Chief Secretary

Secretary

Inspector

Inspector for the Police

Inspector

Inspector General
Police Force

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To the Inspector

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Inspector

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JEWISH SETTLEMENT DEFENCE OFFICE.
POLICE HEADQUARTERS
TIBERIA. Jan. 20th.1939.

Nazareth.

Subject:- Court of Enquiry 6/163/G S/Const.
Israel Meirson.

Herewith form O.M.446 in respect of
the above named Constable, duly ratified by the
Central Medical Board, Jerusalem.

E. V.
A/A.S.P 1/c.
Temporary Additional Police.
J.S.D. Galilee.

20/7.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
DISTRICT HEALTH OFFICE
H A I F A .

Date 17 JAN 1939

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To A/A.S.P.
Liberal

Subject: District Medical Board Haiifa.

I enclose herewith local form(a) O.M. 446
in respect of the undermentioned employee(s):-

<u>Case No.</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Appointment</u>
12736 :	26.12.38.	Israel M'cison	T.A. Police Const. N. A/5836

The above findings have been returned from
the President, Central Medical Board, Jerusalem, after
ratification.

J. Sussman
SENIOR MEDICAL OFFICER.

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6/163/G

Divisional Police Headquarters

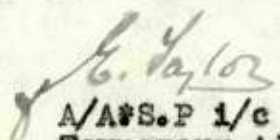
Tiberias.

8.1.39.

Nazareth.

Subject:- Court of Enquiry 6/163/G Constable.
Yakim Bester.

I forward herewith ratified proceedings
of Central Medical Board in respect of the above -
named Constable, for transmission to the Inspector
General.


A/S.P i/c
Temporary Additional Police.
J.S.D.
Tiberias.

Divisional Police Headquarters

2/12/54

Tiberias

1.1.54

From Tiberias

1.1.54

Subject - Court of Inquiry 2/12/54 Constable
Yehia Gasser.

Following investigation conducted proceedings
of Central Criminal Court in respect of the above -
named Constable, for transmission to the Director

General

2/12/54
Temporary Additional Police
1.1.54
Tiberias

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THE PALESTINE POLICE FORCE.

CONVENING ORDER — COURT OF INQUIRY.

A court of inquiry, composed as under, will assemble at a place, date and time appointed by the president, for the purpose of Enquiring into and reporting on the circumstances under which Nos. A/5836 S/Const. Israel Meison Class "A" No.A/5479 S/Const. Yenkin Bestzer Class "C" No. A/ S/Const. Mordechai Zipori, sustained injuries on 17.7.1938 and to report whether such injuries occurred :-

- 1) In the execution of their duties.
- 2) Without their on defaults.
- 3) On account of the circumstances directly and specifically attributable to the nature of their duties.

PRESIDENT

Name **Mr. G.F. Ring.**

Appointment **A/A. S. P., i/c Supernumerary Police - Nazareth District**

MEMBERS

Sub Inspector Dov Ben Ephraim - Station Officer Tiberias

2. The proceedings will be submitted, in original, to the convening authority, together with the convening order, and all other requisite documents.

Place **Nazareth.**

Date **19th July, 1938**

C. J. Townsend

Signature.

A/D. D. S. P.

Appointment.

THE PALESTINE POLICE FORCE.

PROCEEDINGS OF A COURT OF INQUIRY.

Proceedings of a Court of Inquiry held at TIBERIAS, DIVISIONAL POLICE HEADQUARTERS
on the 22nd day of December 1938
by order of the D. D. S. P. Nazareth District
vide convening order dated the 19th. day of July 1938.

PRESIDENT

Name Mr. G. P. Ring.

Appointment A/ A. S. P. 1/c. Supernumerary Police, Nazareth Dist.

MEMBERS

Sub-Inspector Dov Ben Ephraim - Station Officer - Tiberias.

Mr. Ring
A/ R. P.

At 9.30 a.m. o'clock the inquiry commences.
completed 13.00 hours.

20/7

Nazareth

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
DISTRICT HEALTH OFFICE
HAIFA.

Date 20 DEC 1938

CONFIDENTIAL.

To: A. A. S. P. /c
Jam add. Police
Nazareth

Subject:- District Medical Board Haifa.

I enclose herewith local form(s) O.M. 446
in respect of the undermentioned employee(s):-

<u>Case No.</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Appointment</u>
12640.	5.12.38.	Nahman Betzer.	Reserve Constable.
12639.	5.12.38.	Yitzhak Horoshukha.	s/p Reserve Class. A.

← forwarded to Naz. IC for transmission 6-1-39.

The above findings have been returned from
the President, Central Medical Board, Jerusalem, after
ratification.

Senior Medical Officer
Haifa

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SUMMARY

on 18.7.38. an attack was made by armed brigands on labourers working on Colony lands at Beit Yousef. A party of Supernumerary Consts. who were escorting the workers at the time engaged the band, and it was during the ensuing encounter that S/Const. A/5836. Israel Meirson. Yekim Bitzer Class "B" reserve and Isaac Korachia (Mordechai Tipone) class "D" reserve sustained the following injuries. Meirson was shot in left leg and back, Betzer was shot in left buttock Korachia received wounds in side and back.

They were conveyed to Beit Yousef Settlement where First Aid was rendered later transferred to Schwartz Hospital, Tiberias and remained there until 2.11.38., 20.7.38 and 31.7.38. respectively.

FINDING

The Court are of the opinion that S/Consts. A/5836 Israel Meirson, Yekim Betzer and Israel Korachia received the injuries during an encounter with armed brigands and that these injuries occurred.

- i. In the execution of their duties.
- ii. Without their own default.
- iii. On account of circumstances directly and specifically, attributable to the nature of their duties.

Medical reports from Schwartz Hospital are enclosed.

PRESIDENT.

MEMBER.

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A/R.
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THE PALESTINE POLICE.

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No. P.87/A/5836.



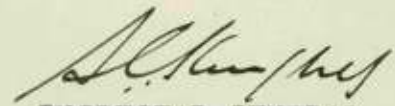
HEADQUARTERS,
THE PALESTINE POLICE FORCE,
JERUSALEM.

23rd July, 1938.

NAZARETH.

Subject :- Court of Enquiry
A/5836 Const. Israel Murson.

I am to ask you to convene
a court of enquiry to inquire into the
circumstances under which the above named
sustained severe injuries at Beth Yosef
on 18th July, 1938 and submit proceedings
to this office as early as possible.


INSPECTOR-GENERAL.

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THE EASTERN DIVISION
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THE PALESTINE POLICE.

IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE

No. P.30/1107.

HEADQUARTERS,
THE PALESTINE POLICE FORCE,
JERUSALEM.

3rd March, 1939.

J.S.P. TIBERIAS.

Subject :- Court of Enquiry - re - Damage
to S.M.L.E. Rifle No. H 5646.

I am to inform you that the
findings of the court of enquiry are
approved.

2. Statements of evidence are
returned herewith.

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INSPECTOR-GENERAL.

Sheet No. _____

رقم الورقة
מס. הגליון

GPP, 1024 1000 Pads.—15-6-33 133 E.

STATEMENT OF 6008 Lef. Eran Suss 'פאדע'
 Residing at Menzhariga colony הודעתו של
הساكن في
 Age 27 מקום מגוריו العمر Occupation Police المهنة Religion M المذهب
דתו עסקיו

Statement taken at 9.40 A.M. on 16.2.39
 I am corporal in charge of
 Menzhariga colony. I remember rifle
 V. H. 5546 being issued to special
 constable Mordechai Linkas for night
 watch on number 4 point on
 12.1.39. An entry was made in
 the station diary to this effect. I
 was not present when the rifle was
 returned to the armory the next
 morning. When I inspected the
 rifles during the afternoon I found
 that the cocking piece and front
 hand guard were damaged.
 The constable denied all knowledge
 of damaging the rifle.



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رقم الورقة
מס. הגליון

GPP. 1024 1000 Pads.—15-6-96 198 E.

STATEMENT OF Hef Efrain Jass 'מאדם
 Residing at הורעתו של
الساکن فی
 Age מקום מגוריו Occupation المهنة Religion الذهب
דתו

Q.A.1. There was no entry made in the station diary when the rifle was handed over.

Q.A.2. I inspect arms each day and am personally responsible that they are in good condition.

Q.A.3. The locking piece may have been damaged previously and escaped my notice and the fore hand guard must have been damaged by a fall.

Q.A.4. I was sleeping when the rifles were handed in the following morning as I had been on duty from 5 pm to 4 A.M.

Q.A.5. I do not know how the rifle was damaged.

Statement taken by me,
 read over and admitted to be correct. *K. Jass*

K. Jass

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Sheet No. 1.

رقم الورقة
مس. הגליון

GPP. 1024 1000 1944. - 15-6-85 138 P.

STATEMENT OF Special constable Mordechai Linkas 'פאדע
 Residing at Menahemya colony הודעתו של
 Age 26 العمر Occupation Farmer المهنة Religion Jew المذهب
 גילו עסקו דתו

Statement taken at 3.30 pm on
 23.2.39 in Tiberias.

I am a special constable in
 Menahemya colony. I was on duty
 in N.4 post on the night of 12.1.39.
 I remember being issued with rifle
 H.5546. by CPL. Efraim Lass. On
 completion of duty I handed in my
 rifle which was in good condition.

Q.A.1. I always inspect my rifle both when
 I draw and when I return it.

Q.A.2. I did not notice any damage to
 my rifle on 12.1.39

Q.A.3. The key of the armoury is kept
 by the corporal, but he was not
 there when I handed my rifle in.
 I gave it to T. A. Const. Tuvia Kassel.

Statement taken by me,
 read over, and admitted to be
 correct.

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Rifle No. H.5546.

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8. Armourer Sergeant's report.

THE PALESTINE POLICE FORCE.

PROCEEDINGS OF A COURT OF INQUIRY.

Proceedings of a Court of Inquiry held at Divisional Police Headquarters
Tiberias. on the 23rd. day of February 1939,
by order of the D.D.S.P. Nazareth District.
vide convening order dated the 7th. day of February 1939.

PRESIDENT

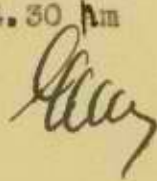
Name Mr. G. Wade Wilson.
Appointment A/A.S.P. 1/c Temporary Additional Police.

MEMBERS

British Inspector. S.H.A. Pitt.

1/c Jordan Company.

At 8.30 o'clock am the inquiry commences.
4.30 pm the inquiry finishes.



SUMMARY.

On 20.1.39 Rifle No. H.5546, on charge to Menahemia Colony, Tiberias, was examined by the Police Armourer, who found that the cocking-piece and the front hand guard were broken, and stated that the damage were due to neglect. No.6008 L/Cpl. Sass is responsible for the safe custody of the rifles in Menahemia Colony. This L/Cpl states that rifle No. H.5546 was issued in good condition to Special Constable, Mordichia Pinhas on 12.1.39, and that he (the Corporal) noticed the damaged when he inspected the rifle on the following afternoon. Special Constable Pinhas denies that the rifle was damaged when he handed it in to the armoury on the morning of the 13.1.39, nor was any entry made in the Station Diary at the time, to the effect that the rifle was damaged.

FINDING.

The Court finds that Rifle No. H.5546 was damaged through neglect, and that L/Corporal Efraim Sass failed to notice the damage at the proper time and to produce the person responsible, and that therefore he must bear the responsibility himself. The Court therefore orders L/Corporal Efraim Sass to pay for the cost of repair, viz., 0.484 mls. A charge sheet to that effect is attached to these proceedings.

PRESIDENT.

G. Wadsworth

MEMBER.

Kalish T/B.

S/J.S.D/G.

JEWISH SETTLEMENT DEFENCE OFFICE
POLICE HEADQUARTERS
TIBERIAS. February 24th, 1939.

NAZARETH.

Subject:- Court of Enquiry re Damage to
S.M.L.E. Rifle No. H.5546.

Reference:- Your Convening Order dated
7.2.39.

Herewith proceedings duly completed.



A/A.S.P. i/c
Temporary Additional Police
J.S.D. Galilee.

6/9/39/G.

DISTRICT POLICE HEADQUARTERS
NAZARETH, 20th. February, 1939

A/A.S.P.i/c.
T/A/Police, Tiberias.

Subject :- Damage to S.M.L.E. rifle
No.H.5546.

Reference:- Convening order dated 7.2.39.

Please expedite proceedings.

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D. D. S. P.

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JEWISH SETTLEMENT DEFENCE OFFICE
POLICE HEADQUARTERS
TIBERIAS. Feb, 9th, 1939.

British Inspector i/c
Jordan Company.

Subject:- Court of Enquiry - Damage to
S.M.L.E Rifle No H.5546.

A Court of Enquiry has been
convened to inquire into the circumstances
under which the above mentioned rifle was
damaged.

Statements should be taken from
personnel concerned and forwarded to this
office together with your recommendations
without delay.

(Sgd). G. Wade Wilson.

A/A.S.P i/c
Temporary Additional Police
J.S.D. Galilee.

P.7/449.



14th November, 1939.

NAZARETH.

Subject :- Court of Inquiry, Special
Constable Abraham Wishbein.

Reference:- Your 6/65/G of 3.11.39.

I am to inform you that the findings of the board, into the death of the above named, are approved.

2. Statements of evidence are returned herewith.

(Sgd) M. S. O'RORKE

INSPECTOR-GENERAL.

Copy to:- J.S.P. Tiberias. ✓

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Sheet No. 1.

رقم الورقة
مس. הגליון

GPP, 1024 1000 Pads.—15-6-3: 138 E.

STATEMENT OF 7512 T. A. ben. Mordechai Schwartzfeld
 Residing at Saronna Settlement
 Age 24 ^{العمر} Occupation Police ^{المهنة} Religion Jew ^{الدين}
 גילן עסקיו דתו

Statement taken at 6 A.M. on 18.10.39
 20th at Saronna settlement.

I am the constable in charge
 of Saronna settlement.

I knew Abraham Vachbein. He
 was a special constable of this
 settlement.

At 6 pm. on 25.9.39 I issued
 six rifles to special constables to
 proceed on night guard in the
 settlement, special constable Abraham
 Vachbein was not one of the
 men detailed for duty that night.

At 7.20 pm I left the police post
 to inspect the men on duty in
 the defence points. On reaching
 defence point N° 2 I heard
 a shot at about 8.20 pm and

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Sheet No. 2.

رقم الورقة

מס. הגליון

GPP, 1024 1000 Pads.—15-6-3: 138 E.

STATEMENT OF T. A. P. 7512.

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Residing at

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מקום מגוריו

Age

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Occupation

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I ran in the direction of the shot. As I was running I heard a second shot and people shouting. As I reached the spot, which was a hut near the defence point, I saw Moshe Vachbein who is a special constable, holding a rifle in the "on guard" position and pointing in the direction and about one metre from the window of the hut. I ran up to Moshe Vachbein and took the rifle away. He did not say anything to me. I looked through the window and saw the Abraham Vachbein had been shot and was crying with pain. He was sitting on the floor near the window and leaning against the side of the hut. I immediately took ~~Abraham~~ Moshe

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GPP, 1024 1000 Pads.—15-6-31 138 P.

STATEMENT OF

T. A. P. 7512.

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Residing at

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Vachbein to another room and placed a guard over him.

I then informed the police through British Inspector Pitt. by signalling. Abraham Vachbein had then died from his wounds.

The police arrived and took charge of the case.

Q.A.1. Special constable Abraham Vachbein was not on duty that night.

Q.A.2. The two men were cousins but were not friendly with each other for a long time.

Q.A.3. Moshe Wachbein was on duty at the time.

Statement taken by me,
read over, and admitted
to be correct.

Calvin 15.11/139

20/11/39

Sheet No. 1.

رقم الورقة
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G.P.P., 1924 1930 Pads. - 15-6-3: 138 P.

STATEMENT OF Benjamin Frankel אגודה
 Residing at Saronna Settlement הודעתו של
הساكن في
 Age 27 מקום מגוריו המדינה Occupation Medical Doctor המדינה Religion Jew המדינה

Statement taken at Saronna
 settlement at 6.30 A.M. on 18.10.39
 I am the doctor of Saronna
 settlement.

on 25.9.39 at about 8.30 pm
 I was sitting in the dining hall
 of the settlement when I heard
 two shots very near and inside
 the colony. I heard shouting
 and the voice of Abraham
 Vachbein's wife calling me. I
 ran to his room and saw
 Abraham Vachbein sitting on his
 bed and propped up against
 the wall of the hut. I saw
 that he was bleeding badly
 from the shoulder. I conveyed
 him at once to my clinic, which

B. B. Frankel
 Frankel

Sheet No. 2.

رقم الورقة
مس. הגליון

GPP. 1024 1000 Pads.—15-6-31 198 E.

STATEMENT OF Benjamin Frankel. افادة

Residing at הורעתו של
السكن فيAge العمر Occupation المهنة Religion المذهب
גילו עסקיו דתו

is about 15 yards distance.
When I examined him I saw
that a bullet had entered
his body through the right
shoulder and passed through
his body and out through
the left side. He had died
almost immediately after he was
shot and before I took him from
his room.

Statement taken by me,
read over, and admitted
to be correct.

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6/65/39/K

Thomas J.S.P

Returnees for retention
at your end.

J.S.P. 7/449 of 14/11/39

refers.

22/11/39

James Jones
J.S.P.

Kelley 25/11



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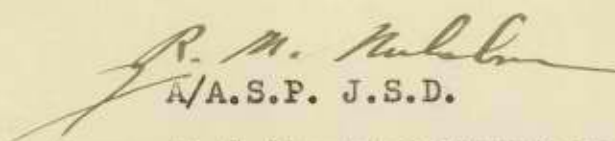
JEWISH SETTLEMENT DEFENCE OFFICE
POLICE HEADQUARTERS
TIBERIAS. 13th November, 1939.

NAZARETH.

Subject:- Pension - Late Special Constable
Abraham Wishbein.

Reference:- Your 6/65/39/G of 30.10.1939.

Herewith enclosed pension forms in respect
of the dependents of the late Special Constable Abraham
Wishbein


A/A.S.P. J.S.D.

Nazareth & Frontier Districts.

20/J.S.D/G.

JEWISH SETTLEMENT DEFENCE OFFICE
POLICE HEADQUARTERS
TIBERIAS, 31st October, 1939.

NAZARETH.

Subject :- Court of Inquiry - Death of
Special Const. Abraham Wishbein.

Reference:- Your 6/65/39/G of 26. 10. 1939.

Herewith the proceeding of the above Court of
Inquiry duly completed.

2. I am informed that the case file containing the
statement of the accused is now with the Attorney General
and under the circumstances it is impossible for me to
obtain a copy without considerable delay.



A/A.S.P., J.S.D.,
Nazareth & Frontier Districts.

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DISTRICT POLICE HEADQUARTERS
NAZARETH
26th October, 1939.

A/A.S.P., J.S.D.,
Tiberias.

Subject:- Court of Enquiry-Death Special
Constable Abraham Wishbein.
Ref'nce:- Your 20/JSD/G dated 24.10.1939.
Proceedings forwarded under your above quoted
letter are herewith returned to you.

2. The statements recorded are too vague to allow a
decision to be based on that strength of evidence.

As will be seen the board was convened to enquire
and report on the circumstances under which this constable died.

No.7512 T/A/C Mordechai Schwarzfeld states that he
heard shots etc., heard people shouting, later saw the alleged
accused carrying his rifle and he ultimately arrested him
presumably flagrant-de-lit. It is obvious that the statement
was recorded in an uncomprehensive manner and no efforts were
made to render the facts of the case clear.

The evidence in hand shows that this witness was
the first man to appear on the scene, and to attend to the
deceased. No mention is made as to the dying declaration,
either to himself or to the Doctor appearing next.

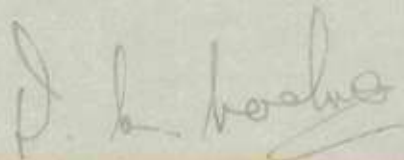
Has the accused given any statement ^{at} or all before
the Police in the criminal charge, if so a copy should be
obtained.

Has a skatch been made of the scene, this should also
accompany the proceedings.

Where is the certificate of death?

The finding does not look to have been properly
framed.

Please complete and re-submit early.


D.D.S.P.

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Court of Inquiry - Death
of Special Constable
Abraham Wishbein.

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| 11 | | Summary and Findings. |

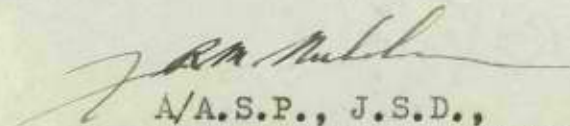
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JEWISH SETTLEMENT DEFENCE OFFICE
POLICE HEADQUARTERS
TIBERIAS, 31st October, 1939.

Medical Officer,
Tiberias.

Subject :- Death of Abraham Wishbein.

Could you please furnish the bearer with
a certificate of Death in respect of the late
Abraham Wishbein who was killed at Sarona Colony
on 25th September, 1939.



A/A.S.P., J.S.D.,
Nazareth & Frontier Districts.

20/J.S.D/G.

JEWISH SETTLEMENT DEFENCE OFFICE
POLICE HEADQUARTERS
TIBERIAS, 24th October, 1939.

NAZARETH.

Subject :- Court of Inquiry -
Death of Special Constable
Abraham Wishbein.

Reference:- Your Convening Order dated
6th October, 1939.

Herewith proceedings of the above Court of
Inquiry duly completed.



A.A.S.P., J.S.D.,
Nazareth & Frontier Districts.

6/65/39/G

DISTRICT POLICE HEADQUARTERS
NAZARETH
20th October, 1939



A.S.P., J.S.D.,
Tiberias.

Subject:- Court of Inquiry re Special Constable
Abraham Wishbein.

Ref'nce:- I.G's P.7/449 dated 11.10.39.

Please expedite proceedings.

J. L. Welch
D.D.S.P.

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PROTESTANT POLICE HEADQUARTERS
KARACHI
20th October, 1959

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A.R.T. 3.4.1.
TINCEL

on 20th - 21st of October, 1959, at Karachi
Abdullah Wajid.

Reference - P.O. 1. Wajid dated 18.10.59.

Please expedite proceedings.

[Signature]
P.O. 1.

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The Palestine Police.

Telegraphic Address: "POLSEC JERUSALEM".
Telephone Number: 1077 JERUSALEM.
P. O. Box: 436 JERUSALEM

In reply please quote

No. P.7/449.

HEADQUARTERS,
THE PALESTINE POLICE FORCE,
JERUSALEM.

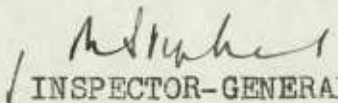
11th October, 1939.

A.S.P. J.S.D.,
Tiberias.

Subject :- Court of Inquiry re Special
Constable Abraham Wishbein.

Reference:- Your W/T dated 9.10.39.

Please see my letter of even number
dated 3rd October, 1939, in which authority to
convene a court of enquiry into the circumstances of
the death of the above named was given to Nazareth.


INSPECTOR-GENERAL.

Copy to:-
Nazareth.

The Palestine Police

MEMORANDUM

THE PALESTINE POLICE

TO THE

12th October, 1948.

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Subject :- Report of the
12th October, 1948.

Reference :- Your letter of 12th October, 1948.

Please see my letter of 12th October, 1948.

12th October, 1948, in which authority to

conduct a search of the records of the

12th October, 1948, is given to the

12th October, 1948.

Copy to:-

12th October, 1948.

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			<i>R M Mubih</i> Signature Assistant Superintendent of Police, Jewish Settlement Police, Nazareth & Frontier Districts.	

To POLSEC JERUSALEM.

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Reference	Your P.7/449	of 3.10.39	May a Court of Enquiry be
convened to inquire into the circumstances of the death of Special Constable			
Abraham Wishban.			
A/A.S.P., J.S.D., Tiberias.			

CONDITION.

This telegram shall be forwarded in accordance with the provisions of the Regulations with reference to Inland Telegrams made pursuant to the Post Office Ordinance No. 20 of 1930, and the provisions of such Regulations * shall be deemed to be binding between the Sender and the Postmaster-General.

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* توجد خلاصة هذه القوانين في دليل البريد.

תנאי.

הטלגרמה הזאת תשלח בחתאם לתקנות בנוגע לטלגרמות הנשלחות בפנים הארץ לפי חקת הדואר מס' 20 מ-1930, והתנאים של התקנות הללו * יחשבו כמחייבים בין השולח והמנהל הכללי של בתי הדואר.

* תקן התקנות הללו אסטרסמט במדריך דואר

A/Assistant Superintendent of Police,
Jewish Settlement Police,
Nazareth & Frontier Districts.

Name and address of Sender

(Not to be telegraphed)

(לא יושלח כקצה מן البرقية) (לא ישלח ע"י הטלגרף)

اسم المرسل وعنوانه

השם והכתבת של השולח

P.A. [Signature]

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[Signature]
 Assistant Subintendant of Police,
 Jewish Settlement Police,
 Jerusalem & Frontier Districts.

To **POLSEC JERUSALEM.**

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Special	Constable	Moshe	Washbein	charged
with	murder	of	Special	Constable
Abraham	Washbein	at	Sarona	Colony
at	21.00 hours	on	25.9.39.	Moshe
Washbein	on	duty	at	time
of murder	Reason	beleived	family quarrel	A/A.S.P. J.S.D.
				Tiberias.

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Assistant Superintendent of Police,
Jewish Settlement Police,
Jerusalem & District

Name and address of Sender

(Not to be telegraphed)

(לא יرسל כקצה מן البرقية) (לא ישלח מ"י הטלגרם)

اسم المرسل وعنوانه
השם והכתובת של השולח

تصريح — مأمور البوليس الخصوصي

השם

GPP, 5136-1500-10-2-38 593/8.

انا لسنة ١٩٢٦ م
سنوات واصرح بوقار و اخلاص بانني سأطيع جميع الاوامر الصادرة الى من حكومة فلسطين ومن جميع رؤسائي و اعضاء
لقوانين وانظمة بوليس فلسطين المرعية الاجراء الان او التي ستوضع موضع الاجراء من وقت الى آخر ما دمت في الخدمة

אני ד"ר יוסף יצחק ד מסכים בזה לשמש כשומר מיוחד למשך תקופה של עשר ה התנאים שהונחו בפקודת המשטרה 1926 ואני מצהיר ומבטיח באמת ובתמים שאציית לכל צו שיוצא מאת ממשלת פלשתינה (א"י) ומאת הקצינים ששמו עלי ואשעבד את עצמי לכל הפקודות והתקנות של פקודת המשטרה הנוהגות עכשיו או שיהיגון במשך תקופת שרותי.

תוציאת המצחיר

הוצאת כרמל

No. 9 Jordan Coy., J.S.P.,
Nazareth.

המושל המחוזי
סגן המושל המחוזי
שופט שלום או
הציון משטרה גבוהה

توقيع حاكم اللواء
 أو معاون حاكم اللواء
 أو القاضي
 أو ضابط البوليس الأعلى

THE PALESTINE POLICE FORCE.

PROCEEDINGS OF A COURT OF INQUIRY.

Proceedings of a Court of Inquiry held at **Divisional Police Headquarters**
Tiberias. on the **24th** day of **October,** 193**9**.
by order of the **D.D.S.P. Nazareth.**
vide convening order dated the **6th** day of **October,** 193**9**.

PRESIDENT

Name **Mr. R.N. Le Marechal**

Appointment **A/A.S.P.**

MEMBERS

British Inspector Pitt.

At **10.00** o'clock **a.m.** the inquiry commences.
At **3.00 p.m.** the inquiry finished.

SUMMARY OF EVIDENCE.

7512 Temporary Additional Constable Mordechai Schwartzfeld states that he is in charge Sarona Colony Settlement Police and that at about 2030 hours on 25.9.39 he was on duty in the Colony when he heard the sound of 2 shots. He ran in the direction of the sound and found Special Constable Moshe Wishbein standing outside of a hut window holding his rifle in the "On guard position". He relieved Special Constable Moshe Wishbein of his rifle. He looked through the window and saw Special Constable Abraham Wishbein in a wounded condition. He placed Moshe Wishbein under arrest and informed the regular police of the incident. He further states that Moshe Wishbein was on duty at the time and Abraham Wishbein was off duty.

Dr. Benjamin Frankel of Sarona Colony testifies to arriving early on the scene, but despite his efforts Special Constable Abraham Wishbein soon died.

FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

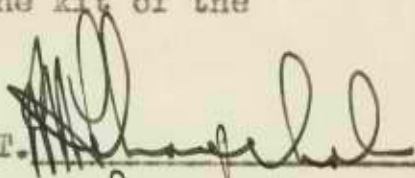
The Court are decided that it is their duty to deal with the administrative side of the enquiry only and in furtherance of this decision and in order not to prejudice any criminal proceedings that may be pending the Court find that Special Constable Abraham Wishbein died of gun shot wounds received at about 2030 hours on 25.9.39. at Sarona Colony. The alleged assailant is Special Constable Moshe Wishbein of the same colony and cousin to the deceased.

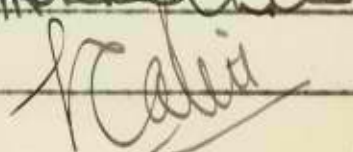
From the evidence recorded the Court is satisfied that Special Constable Abraham Wishbein was not killed:-

- (i) In the execution of his duty.
- (ii) On account of circumstances directly and specifically attributable to the nature of his duties, but was killed;
- (iii) Without his own default.

The Court does not recommend the payment of any gratuity ~~to~~ the dependents of the deceased.

There are no deficiencies in the kit of the deceased.

PRESIDENT. 

MEMBER 

P.7/449.

3rd October, 1939.

Madam,

ירושלים, כ' בחשו'י, ה'ת"ש

ג. נ.

It is with deep regret that I have learnt of the death of your husband, Special Constable Abraham Wishbein, who was shot dead by his brother in law Moshe Wishbein while on duty at Sarona Colony, on the 25th September, 1939.

בצער גדול קבלתי את הידיעה על מות בעלך השומר המיוחד אברהם וישביין, שנורה ונהרג על ידי גיסו, בזמן מילוי חפזו במושב שרונה ביום 25 בספטמבר, 1939.

On behalf of Officers and all ranks of the Palestine Police Force, I wish to express to you and to the other members of your family, our deep sympathy on the loss of your husband.

בשם כל קציני וחברי המשטרה הנני להביע לך ולכל בני המשפחה את השתתפותנו העמוקה בצערכם הרב על אבדן בעלך.

I have the honour to be,

הנני,

Madam,

ג. נ.

Your obedient servant,

עבדך הנאמן.

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א. סונדרס

INSPECTOR-GENERAL.

המפקח הכללי של המשטרה

To:-

Mrs. Sarah Wishbein,
Beit Shaarim,
Through A.S.P., J.S.P. Tiberias.

מרת שרה וישביין

בית שערים

באמצעות עוזר מפקד המשטרה
הממונה על השוטרים המוספים
בטבריה.

Copy to:-

A.S.P., J.S.P. Tiberias.
" " Nazareth, who will convene
court of inquiry and submit
proceedings together with
Declaration Form as early as
possible.

SG/ADH.

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DISTRICT POLICE HEADQUARTERS
NAZARETH.
30th March, 1940.

A.S.P. - J.S.P.
, Tiberias.



Subject :- Court of Inquiry - Injury to No.7366
T.A.C. Albert Zass and Loss of a Rifle.

Reference:- My 6/80/39/G. of 7.3.40.

I am to inform you that the Chief Secretary, in his letter No.0/78/37/A of the 27th of March, 1940, authorised the write off of the articles of stores described below, and the sum of LP.1.012 mils representing part of their value :-

<u>Description</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Amount</u> <u>LP. Mils.</u>
Section B.			
Slings, Rifle, web, No.2	1	0.054	0.054
Section C. 1.			
Bottles,oil, MK. IV.	1	0.029	0.029
Pullthroughs, single, MK.IV 'B'	1	0.013	0.013
Rifles, No.1, MK.III., No.44249	1 b	8.250	8.250
Section N.1.			
Cartridges, S.A.,ball, .303-in, MK.VII per 1000	5	4.602	<u>0.023</u>
			8.369
		Plus 15 %	1.255
		Total	LP. 9.624 Mils.
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2. The balance of the value of the articles namely LP.8.612 mils, will be recovered from the pay due to the constable named above.

3. Inspector General's authority P.30/1305 of 28.3.40.

D.D. S. P.

6/80/39/G

DISTRICT POLICE HEADQUARTERS
NAZARETH
7th March, 1940.

A.S.P., J.S.P., Tiberias

Subject:- Court of Inquiry- Loss of Rifle No. 44249 K.

Ref'nce:- Your 22/J.S.D/G of 18.12.39 and 4.3.40.

Please see Inspector General's P.8/1713 of
22.1.40 addressed to you with a copy to me.

2. Statements referred to are enclosed herewith.

Encls. 34.




D. D. S. P.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY GENERAL

WASHINGTON, D.C.
April 1, 1941

A. B. F. 7.3.7.1. Theorem

Subject: Court of Inquiry - Loss of Life Insurance

Re: Your letter of 12.12.39 and 1.1.40.

Please see Inspector General's 1.12.39 of

12.1.40 addressed to you with a copy to me.

Enclosures referred to are enclosed herewith.

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D. B. F.



Sheet No. 1.

رقم الورقة
מס. הגליון

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STATEMENT OF Lt. Col. Josef Abrahami אברהם
 Residing at Migdal Colony הודעתו של
 Age 28 العمر Occupation Police المهنة Religion Jew الذهب
גילו עסקיו דתו

Statement taken in Tiberias at
 11.35 A.M. on 1. 11. 39.

I am the corporal in charge of
 the Mobile Reserve stationed in
 Migdal Colony.

At 1 pm on 24.10.39 acting on
 the orders of the Group Sergeant
 I proceeded to scout workers on
 Genossa lands near Ghwein Abu
 Shushi. My party consisted of
 T. A. Benish, David Muller, Ernst Finkel,
 Barkokhva Isenbach, Albert Zass
 and David Hess. I proceeded to
 Genossa with my party when I
 found that the labourers had
 already left the colony for their
 work. I left the colony and
 proceeded towards the main road.

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Sheet No. 2

رقم الورقة
מס. הגליון

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STATEMENT OF Hch. Yonif Abrahami.

אפודה

Residing at

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מקום מגורו

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in my tender and halted at a spot opposite Ghwin and ordered the driver to return to Ghossa and await me there. When we dismounted from the tender I met one of the workers named Israel Levy who was waiting to lead us to the place where the labourers were working. At a distance of about 300 metres from the road we met two of the labourers working. I detailed T. A. bastis. David Hess, Barkokhva Iserbach and Ernst Finkel to guard these two workers. I proceeded on my way with labourer Israel Levy and T. A. bast Albert Zass to a mill. I posted myself ~~and~~^{at} and bast Albert Zass on the roof of

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رقم الورقة
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STATEMENT OF

Yah. Yousif Abrahami.

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Residing at

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this mill to be in a position to watch all the workers in the area. After a while I noticed that the Jewish labourers were gradually working nearer to the mill so I blew my whistle and ordered the three boats. I had placed in the first position to close in also. I posted boat's Albert Lass and Barkokhva Isenbach to the east of the mill about 25 metres away, and Ernst Finkel to the south about the same distance away from the mill. I posted boat's David Hess about 100 metres to the east in order to maintain contact between myself and the workers. At about 3pm

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הצבה

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رقم الورقة
מס. הגליון

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STATEMENT OF Lich Yusuf Abrahami. افادةResiding at _____ מורעתו של
السكن فيAge _____ العمر Occupation _____ المهنة Religion _____ מקום מגורו
גילו עסקיו הדת

I ^{saw} a group of Arabs about 35 in all approaching the mill from Ghwein Abu Shushi. I then decided to stop them approaching which I did by shouting "Maak, ma te yish horn". The Arabs obeyed me and dispersed. After about 45 minutes a group of Arabs numbering about 10 men approached from Ghwein village. I asked them what they wanted and they replied that they wished to speak to the Mukhtar of Genossa. I replied that the mukhtar was in Genossa and that they could see him there. During this conversation two or three arabs came up behind me

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STATEMENT OF

L. H. Jousif Alkhan

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Residing at

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and attempted to take my rifle away from me. I was still standing on the roof. I struggled and kicked one Arab in the stomach and he fell down whilst another Arab was still attempting to pull my rifle from my grasp. As I was struggling I managed to open and close my bolt and fire a shot between the two Arabs. My assailant immediately released his grip and ran away with the other Arab whom I had kicked. As they were escaping I fired two shots at them but missed. I looked to my men and saw Const. Albert Lass laying on the

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رقم الورقة
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STATEMENT OF L/R Yusuf Alwanhmi. אפאדהResiding at הורעתו של
הסאקיןAge מקום מגורו
العمر المهنة Occupation الذهب
גילו עסקיו דתו

ground bleeding severely. and an Arab running away with a rifle. After running about about 5 or 6 metres the Arab stopped, turned, and fired two shots at Const. Hentach who assumed a firing position on the ground. Hentach was shooting at the escaping Arab. I jumped down from my position and approached Const. Albert Lass who was unconscious. I ordered Const. Ernst Iinkel to take Lass to Menossa. and whilst he was doing so heavy fire was directed at them from the northern and southern parts of the village, the shooting was quite near. I saw that the lives of these two men were in

const. Ernst Iinkel
Hentach

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رقم الورقة
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STATEMENT OF

4th. Yussif Abrahami.

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Residing at

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הساكن في

מקום מגוריו

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danger so I decided to follow and protect them. until they were safe. On my way I met a party of seven special constables from Genossa about 150 metres from the mill. I divided the special constables and my party into two parties of five, one under my command and the other under one Rabinovitch. I then ordered the two parties forward towards the S.W. side of the village where I saw groups of Arabs firing at us. Before reaching the village about 10 metres distance we assumed lying positions and fired at the Arabs who were running out of the village to the south west. After ten minutes we

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رقم الورقة
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STATEMENT OF Yeh. Yussif Abrahami.

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Residing at

הודעתו של

הساكن في

מקום מגורו

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advanced and pursued the Arabs who were running to the hills to the west. until we were about 500 metres behind the village, here we took up positions and saw three small groups of Arabs one of whom was mounted on a white horse having a white turban and running towards the hills in a westerly direction. I ordered my men to open fire at these Arabs and saw the Arab mounted fall to the ground. When I saw this Arab fall to the ground I gave orders to cease fire, and ordered Capt. Yfshen Fabinovitch to take his party and bring the Arab to me.

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Sheet No. 9

رقم الورقة
مس. הגליון

GPP. 1024 1000 Pads. - 15-8-35 1898.

STATEMENT OF

H. H. Yusuf Ibrahim.

אפודה

Residing at

הודעתו של

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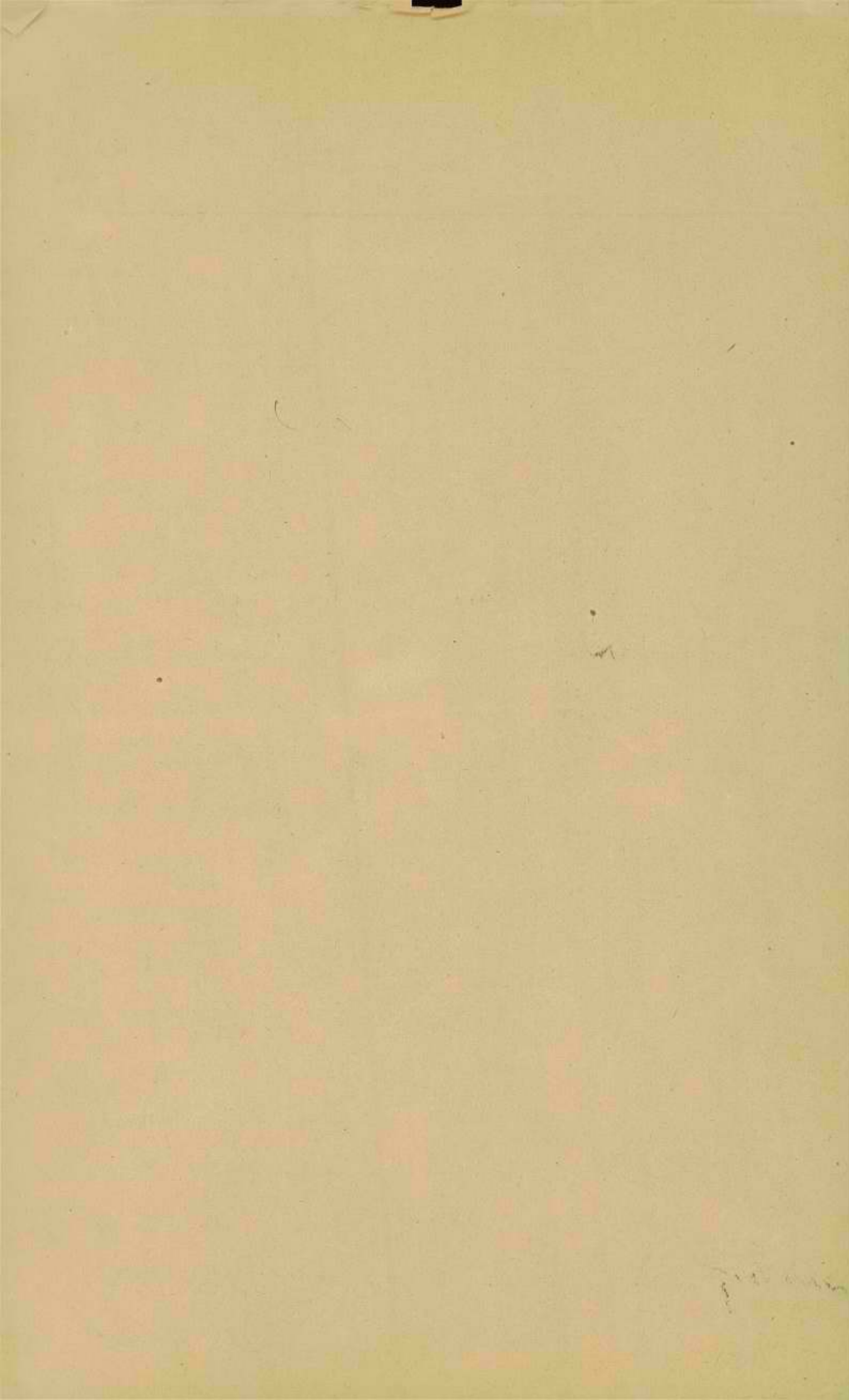
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דתו

Before my party could reach this man, a group of women arrived and prevented them from capturing him, so my men returned to me without the Arab. At this time I heard shots from the hill and saw that a party of Jews has arrived from Migdal to help me. I recognised them from their dress. After 5 minutes I saw a man from the party on the hill approaching me and he reported that Sgt. Drony has given orders to close fire and return to Genossa. I returned to Genossa with Sgt. Drony whom I had met on the way back. He was alone when I met him.

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H. H. Yusuf Ibrahim



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رقم الورقة
מס. הגליון

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STATEMENT OF

Leh Jussy Abrahami

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Q.A.1. I have done the same duty before but not in the same spot I occupied on this occasion.

Q.A.2. I was instructed to guard workers in the fields of the area where I went but not to occupy that spot.

Q.A.3. I was instructed by Sgt. Drony to proceed on duty but not told whether to take the Shrossa side of the road or the Shwein side of the road. I did not know.

Q.A.4. My programme of duty stated that I should be guarding workers on the Shrossa side of the road.

Q.A.5. I did not see my programme of work for that week.

Q.A.6. I did not inform my superior that I intended to take up a position on the mill near Shwein.

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رقم الورقة
مس. הגליון

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STATEMENT OF

L. Ch. Yousif Abrahami.

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Q.A.7. I did not consider the position to be dangerous

Q.A.8. I know that the Military take a large number of troops when they go near or into a village occupied by Arabs.

Q.A.9. When I ordered the first party of Arabs to disperse I was not suspicious of them, but I did not want them in the area.

Q.A.10. I dispersed the Arabs because I did not want them to come into the mill which I heard was Jewish property. and there were Jewish workers there.

Q.A.11. I did not see all of the Jewish workers, but six or seven of them.

Q.A.12. I heard that the land on which the village was built and the surrounding land belonged to P.I.C.A.

Q.A.12.
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K. Ch.

Sheet No. 12.

رقم الورقة
מס. הגליון

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STATEMENT OF Lt. Yusuf Abraham אפודהResiding at הודעתו של
הساكن فيAge العمر Occupation المهنة Religion الدين

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עסקיו

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Q.A.13 I do not know where the boundaries of Genossa land extend.

Q.A.14 The Jewish labourers were doing irrigation work, and I understood because they were there it was within Genossa boundaries.

Q.A.15 The nearest labourer to the mill was two metres away to the east.

Q.A.16 When I first arrived at the mill, there were no Arabs present.

Q.A.17 I think that the second group of Arabs that came might have come to complain to the Mukhtār of Genossa that I had dispersed the first group of Arabs.

Q.A.18 I did not think this at the time.

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Sheet No. 13.

رقم الورقة
מס. הגליון

GPP. 1024 1090 Pads. - 15-6-81 188 S.

STATEMENT OF Yeh. Yusef Abrahami אפאדה
 Residing at הודעתו של
السكن في
מקום מגורו
 Age العمر Occupation المهنة Religion الذهب
גילו עסקיו דתו

Q.A.19 Although I selected the mill as a vantage point to watch from, I did not watch my rear.

Q.A.20. I did not see bomb Albert Ziss being struck, but I saw an Arab standing near him holding a rifle in his hand.

Q.A.21. There ~~were~~ no other Arabs near Albert Ziss, or near bomb Esertach.

Q.A.22. The other Arabs were about 10 metres away from Albert Ziss and running.

Q.A.23. I did not fire at the man escaping with the rifle because of the position of bomb Esertach and the Arab ran behind the mill.

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המלח

Sheet No. 14

رقم الورقة
מס. הגליון

GPP, 1024 1000 Pads.—15-6-57 138 S.

STATEMENT OF

L/Cpl. Masif Abrahami

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Residing at

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Q.A.24. I estimate that about 15 rifles were being used against us.

Q.A.25. The Arab ran into the south side of the village.

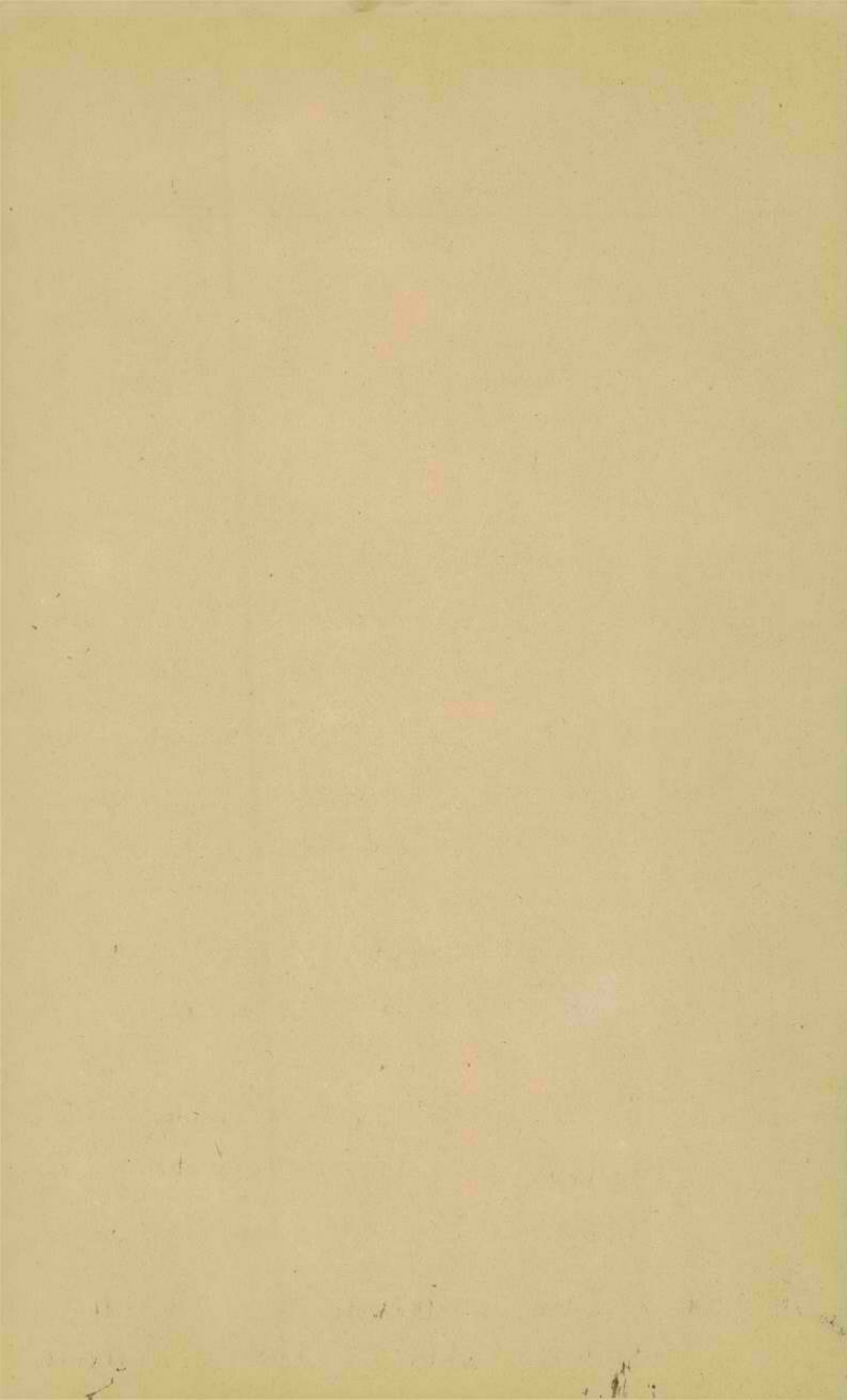
Q.A.26. I advanced with my two parties of five men to the village in the hope of recovering the rifle.

Q.A.27. When I advanced on the village I searched only the mill.

Q.A.28. I might identify some of the Arabs, but not the man who stole the rifle.

Q.A.29. It took about 5 to 10 minutes after meeting the special constables from Grossa to reach the mill.

~~Q.A.30.~~ Q.A.30. I am acquainted with orders regarding duties of mobile Reserve.



Sheet No. 15.

رقم الورقة
מס. הגליון

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STATEMENT OF 492. Yusuf Abrahami. אפאדה

Residing at הורעתו של
الساکن فیAge العمر Occupation المهنة Religion المذهب
גילו עסקיו דתוQ.A.31. The rifle I used on that day
was 13313.

Q.A.32. The firing ceased at about 5.30pm

Q.A.33. The events in my statement followed
each other continuously without
pause.Q.A.34. The nearest Sgt Dwy's party
came to the mill was within
700 to 800 metres.Q.A.35. There was no quarrel previous
to the attack on me.Q.A.36. As soon as the trouble started
the labourers ran into Gerossa.מס. 701.
6051Statement taken by me
read over, and admitted
to be correct. K. Abi 21/4/39

Sheet No. 1. رقم الورقة
מס. הגליון

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STATEMENT OF Albert Zaes T.A.P. 7366 افادة
 Residing at Sinosar הודעתו של
 Age 21 العمر Occupation Police المهنة Religion Jew المذهب
 גילו עסקו דתו

The above stated at 11.15 hrs
 on 26/11/39 in the Scotch
 Mission Hospital Tiberias.

"I cannot concentrate very
 well on what happened
 owing to my memory being
 affected since I received
 my injury to my head
 but I will do my best.
 I went out on duty on
 24/10/39 at about 10 o'clock
 with Cpl. Josef Abrahami
 and Consts. I do not know
 how many were in the
 party but I remember Ernesto
 Finkler, David Miller
 as 612516 J.F. McArthur A.I.

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رقم الورقة
מס. הגליון

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STATEMENT OF

Albert Jass

אגדה

Residing at

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Barkova Eisenbach and David Hess. We had a car. We went from Migdal to Ginossa along the main road.

There were some workers there and we got down from the car and reconnected. I then remember that we spoke to some Arabs. Then I remember sitting on a rock. I don't remember how long I was sitting on the rock but I afterwards received a blow on the head from

as Giffle

J.J. McCarthy A.I.

Sheet No. 3
رقم الورقة
מס. הגליון

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STATEMENT OF Albert Jass אפאדע
 Residing at הורעטו של
הסאקן פי
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behind. I remember shouting
 "My rifle, my rifle". Then
 I fell down unconscious
 and I remained unconscious
 for a week and a
 half. I did not know
 I was in hospital until
 I saw my friends who
 visited me and gradually
 they told me what had
 happened.

as G2810

J.J. McCarthy A.I.

Sheet No. 4 . رقم الورقة
מס. הגליון

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STATEMENT OF Albert Jass. افادةResiding at _____ תודעתו של
السكن في

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A.Q. 1. I know the name of the place to which we went. It is Ghweir Abu Shusha.

A.Q. 2. I have been on duty at the same place before.

A.Q. 3. I don't remember if the cpl if gave any orders to the party when we arrived at Ghweir Abu Shusha.

A.Q. 4. I don't remember how many work men there were at the place.

A.Q. 5. I remember seeing some of the party of T.A.P. speaking to Arabs.

as 6128/0 J.J. McCarthy A.I.

Sheet No. 5

رقم الورقة
מס. הגליון

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STATEMENT OF

Albert Zass

אגדה

Residing at

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A.Q. 6.

I think there were quite a large number of Arabs.

A.Q. 7

I don't remember where exactly the Arabs were standing at the time.

A.Q. 8

I think there must have been some trouble between the Jews and Arabs as I got a blow.

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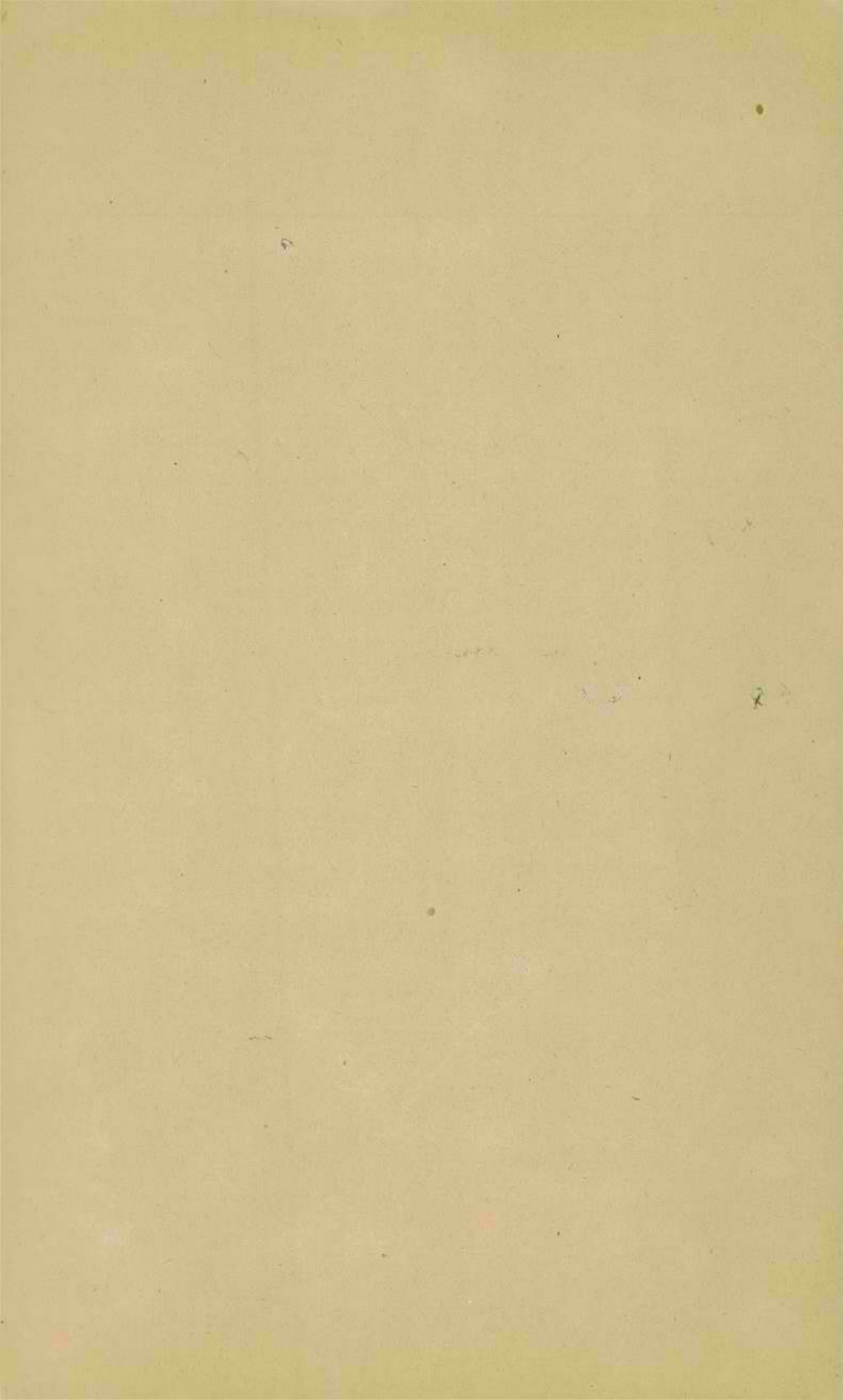
Further questions appear to be futile as Zass seems to be suffering from loss of memory.

26/11/39.

J.J. McCarthy A.I.

Read over to Albert Zass in Hebrew.

J.J. McCarthy A.I.



Sheet No. 1.

מס. הגליון
 رقم الورقة

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STATEMENT OF	7362 T. A. Ernst. Finkel		אגדה
Residing at	Genossa		הודעתו של السكن في
Age 28	العمر	Occupation Police	במסגרת ה'ז' ז'נב
	גילו	Religion	של
		עסקיו	גלו

Statement taken at 11 A.M. on 5.12.39
at Sibris divisional Headquarters.

I am a member of the Mobile Reserve stationed in Migdal Colony.

At about 1 pm on 24.10.39 I proceeded on duty with Lt. Yusuf Abrahamie, David Muller, David Hess, Barkokhva Isenbach and David Hess; we are all members of the Migdal Mobile Reserve. We left Migdal and proceeded towards Genossa, on arrival there we descended on to the main road where a party of labourers from Genossa were waiting for us.

Wm. F. Tucker
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Sheet No. 2

رقم الورقة
מס. הגליון

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STATEMENT OF Ernst Finkel 7362, افادة

Residing at

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We proceeded all together on foot towards a water mill in the direction of Khwein Abu Shoshi. We were posted by Yeh. Yussif Abrahami. The tender proceeded to Genossa. When we arrived on the spot there were many Arabs there about 25. They appeared to be going to their work. After about one hour, another group of about 15 Arabs appeared and came to the mill and spoke to Ch. Yussif Abrahami. I then saw a young man coming towards the mill from Khwein village carrying a box on his shoulder. He stood just behind Albert Zass and

Ernst Finkel
7362

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رقم الورقة
מס. הגליון

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STATEMENT OF ³⁶² Ernst Finkel

אגדה

Residing at

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near bnst. Barkokhva Isentach.

I did not watch bnst. Albert Zass on the Arab as I was watching the labourers working in the fields. Suddenly I heard a cry from bnst. Albert Zass, and Barkokhva Isentach shouting that Zass had been assaulted. I saw L/C. Yousif Abrahami being assaulted by 3 Arabs on the roof of the mill. I then noticed that the young Arab was running in the direction of Ghwein Abu Shoshi into the village and carrying a rifle. He stopped twice and fired in the direction of Barkokhva Isentach. There was also shooting from the village

for Finkel
7362

Sheet No. 4

رقم الورقة
מס. הגליון

GPP, 1024 1000 Pads.—15-6-8. 138 S.

STATEMENT OF 7362 Ernst Finkel.

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in one direction. The corporal came to us and ordered me to take prisoner Albert Zass who was wounded in Genossa. I took Albert Zass to the main road and placed him in a taxi which was waiting there and proceeded with him to hospital, and stayed there until midnight.

Q.A.1. When we descended from the Kinner, one labourer named Israel Levy met us, the other labourers were already in the fields.

Q.A.2. I was posted about 25 metres from the mill and to the south

Q.A.3. The corporal was stationed on the roof of the mill.

Ernst Finkel
7362

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رقم الورقة
מס. הגליון

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STATEMENT OF 7362 Ernest Zinkel

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Residing at

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Q.A.4. Ernst. Albert Zass was stationed
about 20 metres from me in the
East. of the mill.

Q.A.5. I saw Ch. Yousif Abrahami
talking to both parties of Arabs

Q.A.6. The Arabs did not seem to
be angry or quarrelling

Q.A.7. I did not see Albert Zass
talking to any of the Arabs,
neither he nor I understand Arabic

Q.A.8. I did not hear or see
any quarrelling between the
T. A. boys and Arabs until I
heard Albert Zass cry out.

Q.A.9. The Arab boy was standing
two or three metres behind Zass.

for Ernest
7362

John Smith

Dear Sir,
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 1st inst.

and in reply to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,

J. Smith
Secretary to the Board of Directors

Enclosed for you are the documents referred to in my letter of the 1st inst.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,

J. Smith

Very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,

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رقم الورقة
مس. הגליון

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STATEMENT OF 7362 Ernst Zass. אפאדע
 Residing at הודעתו של
הסאקין
 Age בן Occupation המדת Religion המדת
עסקיו דגו

Q.A.10. I did not see Ernst Zass facing the Arab, he seemed unaware of his presence.

Q.A.11. The action of the Arab youth did not appear to be suspicious when standing behind Ernst Zass.

Q.A.12. We had not been in that spot before on duty.

Q.A.13. The land on that spot belongs to P.I.C.A. and is tilled by Arabs.

Statement taken by me. *[Signature]*
 read over, and admitted
 to be correct. *[Signature]*
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Sheet No. 1.

رقم الورقة
מס. הגליון

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STATEMENT OF 6006 L/Sgt. David Dory Gorfinkel אפדה
 Residing at Migdal Colony הודעתו של
הساكن في
 Age 32 מקום מגוריו Occupation Police الدينه Religion Jew الذهب
גילו עסקיו דתו

Statement taken in Tiberias at
 12.20 pm 31. 10. 39

I am the group sergeant in charge
 of N° 10 Migdal group ~~sett~~^{ol} which
 includes Genossa settlement.

During the morning of 24. 10. 39
 I attended a meeting of group
 sergeants at Kinnereth colony. I
 returned to Migdal at about
 1 pm. at about 4.30 pm a
 man on a horse from Genossa
 settlement arrived in Migdal and
 informed me that the group
 Mobile reserve and workers
 from Genossa had been attacked
 whilst working on the opposite
 side of the main road, from
 Genossa. I immediately sent a

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T. Gorfinkel

Sheet No. 2

رقم الورقة
מס. הגליון

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STATEMENT OF

4 Sgt. David Henry Zorfin

Residing at

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man to telephone to the Police
 and another man to ring
 the colony alarm bell. I
 understood that the men attacked
 needed help and that the police
 from Tiberias would probably take a long
 time to arrive from Tiberias. I
 detailed four special constables to
 proceed with me to ascertain
 what had happened. The special
 constables were all armed. As I
 left the colony gate to proceed to
 the spot where I thought the
 attack was taking place I
 heard much shooting. With my
 party I proceeded in the direction
 of the shooting. As I neared the
 spot where the shooting was taking
 place I 1st saw some of the

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Sheet No. 3

رقم الورقة
מס. הגליון

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STATEMENT OF

L/Sgt. David Mory Korfinkel

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mobile reserve who were ^{firing} up the
badi in answer to shots coming
from that direction. I blew my
whistle in order to inform the
mobile reserve of my ~~presence~~^{of} presence.
my whistle was returned by the
mobile reserve and thereupon
ordered my party to fire in
the direction of the enemy. I
opened fire in order to let the
attackers know that help had
arrived. The attacking party then
retreated firing as they went.
By this time the daylight was
fading. I sent a man to
collect the mobile reserve and
return to the colony and I sent
my party back. I myself also.

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Korffinkel

Sheet No. 4

رقم الورقة
מס. הגליון

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STATEMENT OF

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proceeded to meet the mobile reserve.
I then proceeded to Genossa
with the mobile reserve and a
party of special constables who were
with them, the latter being from
Genossa settlement. I stayed in
Genossa until the Military arrived
and I proceeded with them to
the spot where the shooting took
place and to Shwein Abu
Shushi village. At about 11 pm
the Military returned to Tiberias
and I to Migdal Bolony.

Q.A.1. When I left the settlement of Migdal
I did not know that any T. A.
constables were stationed on the
Arab mill on the outskirts of the
village.

Q.A.2. I did not send the mobile reserve

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رقم الورقة
מס. הגליון

GPP. 1024 1000 Pads. - 15-6-33 138 B.

STATEMENT OF

L/Sgt. David Henry Dorfinkel

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in this spot.

Q.A.3. I think that the Mobile Reserve was wrong by being in this spot, the results of that day prove that.

Q.A.4. I agree that it is against standing orders to take up position on or near an Arab village.

Q.A.5. I submit a weekly programme of work for the Mobile Reserve in advance.

Q.A.6. I do not remember being ordered by my British superior to report in advance any ~~order~~st alterations to this weekly programme of work.

Q.A.7. I did not ^{give} any boundaries when I altered the place of duty but the ^{superior} should have used his discretion to better advantage.

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Sheet No. 6

رقم الورقة
مس. הגליון

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STATEMENT OF Lt. David Noy Korfinkel

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Q.A.9. I ordered the men who went out with me to take bets, but I do not remember if they obeyed this order.

Q.A.9 When I opened fire I was about 500 or 600 metres from Ishwein village.

Q.A.10. I saw the Arabs about 700 metres away when I opened fire.

Q.A.11. Altogether my party fired about 28 ~~shots~~^{shots} rounds.

Q.A.12 We were not fired upon from the village, but from a point to the N.W. of the village a few hundred metres away.

Q.A.13. When I went out with the military there was no shooting. to my knowledge.

Q.A.14. When the mounted man arrived from Genosza he told

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رقم الورقة
מס. הגליון

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STATEMENT OF L/Sgt. David Henry Gorfinkel אִפְדֵּה

Residing at

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me that the mobile reserve
and workers were attacked and
needed help.

Q.A.15. I was informed that a T.A.
constable was wounded and a
rifle stolen when I met the
mobile reserve at the spot where
the shooting took place.

Q.A.16 So far L/Cpl. Yousif Abrahami has
given me satisfaction, but this
time he made a mistake.

Q.A.17. I think that the expenditure of
355 rounds of ammunition was
justified in the circumstances.

Q.A.18 I did not see the rifle of T.A.
constable Albert Zass stolen, neither
did I see him injured.

Q.A.19. I think that the N.C.O.s
in charge of medical and

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رقم الورقة
מס. הגליון

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STATEMENT OF

L/Sgt David Henry Garfinkel

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Benossa had time to complete the entries in their diaries after the men left the settlements to assist the party attacked and after they returned.

Statement taken by me,
read over and admitted
to be correct.

Calvin
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JEWISH SETTLEMENT DEFENCE OFFICE
POLICE HEADQUARTERS
TIBERIAS, 4th March, 1940.

NAZARETH.

Subject :- Court of Inquiry -
Loss of Rifle No.
44249 K.

Reference:- My 22/J.S.D/G. dated
18. 12. 1939.

I shall be grateful if you could inform me if the findings of the Court of Inquiry in respect of the rifle etc., lost by No.7366 Temporary Additional Constable Albert Zass have been approved by the Inspector General.

2. If they have been approved could I please be informed of the reference number of the Inspector General's letter in order that I may be able to indent for the rifle etc.

(Sgd) F. MOSEDALE

A.S.P., J.S.D.,
Nazareth & Frontier Districts.

RN/DG.

C.I.D. OFFICE,
POLICE HEADQUARTERS
TIBERIAS. 30.12.39.

Received from Jewish Settlement Police Office
Tiberias the original report of 6051 L/cpl Yousef
Abrahami, dealing with the incident at Gweir Abu
Shushe on 24.10.1939.

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22/J.S.D./G.

JEWISH SETTLEMENT DEFENCE OFFICE
POLICE HEADQUARTERS
TIBERIAS. 18th December, 1939

NAZARETH.

Subject:- Court of Inquiry - Injury to No.7366
T/A/Const. Albert Zass and loss of
S.M.L.E. Rifle, No. 44249 K.

Reference:- Your Convening Order 6/80/39/G.
dated 7.11.1939.

Herewith proceedings of the above Court Of
Inquiry duly completed.


A/A.S.P. J.S.D.

Nazareth & Frontier Districts.

6/80/39/G

DISTRICT POLICE HEADQUARTERS
NAZARETH
13th December, 1939

A/A.S.P., J.S.D., Tiberias

Subject:- Injuries-No.7366 T/A/C Albert Zass.

Ref'nce:- My of even number dated 29.11.39.

I shall be glad to know how this
matter now stands - urgent.



J. L. Coppard
D.D.S.P.

6/80/39/C.

DISTRICT POLICE HEADQUARTERS
HAZARETH.

29th November, 1939.

A. S. P. - J. S. D.
TIBERIAS.

Subject :- Injuries - No. 7366 T/A/C Albert Zass.

Reference:- My Convening Order - Court of Inquiry
dated 7.11.39. (Form P.179.)

Please submit proceedings. Urgent.



L. S. D. S. P.
L. S. D. S. P.

I N D E X.

COURT OF INQUIRY - INJURY TO NO.7366
TEMPORARY ADDITIONAL CONSTABLE ALBERT
ZASS AND LOSS OF S.M.L.E. RIFLE NO.44249 K.

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THE PALESTINE POLICE FORCE.

CONVENING ORDER — COURT OF INQUIRY.

A court of inquiry, composed as under, will assemble at a place, date and time appointed by the president, for the purpose of enquiring into and reporting on the circumstances under which No. 7366 T/A/C Albert Zass sustained injuries on 24.10.39 to report whether such injuries occurred:-

- 1) In the execution of his duty.
- 2) Without his own default.
- 3) On account of circumstances directly & specifically attributable to the nature of his duties and further to enquire & report into the loss of rifle No. K 44249 on 24.10.1939.

PRESIDENT

Name **Mr. S. F. Pitt.**
Appointment **A/A.S.P., J.S.D., Tiberias.**

MEMBERS

To be appointed by the president.

2. The proceedings will be submitted, in original, to the convening authority, together with the convening order, and all other requisite documents.

Place **Nazareth** Signature.
Date **7.11.39.** D.D. S. P. Appointment.

THE PALESTINE POLICE FORCE.

PROCEEDINGS OF A COURT OF INQUIRY.

Proceedings of a Court of Inquiry held at Divisional Police Headquarters
Tiberias. on the 14th day of December, 193 9
by order of the D.D.S.P., Nazareth
vide convening order dated the 7th day of November, 193 9.

PRESIDENT

Name Mr. S.E.A. Pitt.

Appointment A/A.S.P., J.S.D., Tiberias.

MEMBERS

Assistant British Inspector J. McCarthy.

At 10.00 o'clock A.M. the inquiry commences.

MEDICAL REPORTTo M. O. Tiberias.The following persons are sent you for (A) Examination & Treatment.Place Tiberias.(Sgd.) R.M. Nicholson SignatureDate 30. 10. 1939.7 Assistant Superintendent of Police
Department

Hazardous & GPP. 101-560 Rigs 26-10-85-11/8.

No.	Name	Grade and Department	Age & Sex	Disease	Disposal of case
7366	Albert Zass.	Jewish Settlement Police. T/A/Const.	M.	Concussion of brains as a result of accident.	Admitted to S. M. Hospital on 24. 10. 1939.

Place Tiberias.S. Barnich. Signature of M.O.Date 30. 10. 1939.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SENDING MEDICAL REPORTS.

1. This form must be signed by a Senior Official under whom the persons sent for medical examination are serving.
2. The Official signing must fill in the request for examination at the top of the form and the Column 'No' 'Name' 'Grade & Department' and 'Age & Sex' (A) State whether for 'treatment' 'examination as to fitness for duty.' 'Medical Boarding for sick leave' etc.
3. The form is to be sent to the Medical Officer in duplicate. He will fill in particulars of 'disease' and disposal of case' and retain one copy, returning the other to the official who signed.
The Medical Officer will state "Duty" "Excused Duty" "hours" "Admitted to Hospital" finding of Medical Board etc.

SUMMARY OF EVIDENCE.

On 24.10.39 at 13.00 hrs. the Migdal Mobile Reserve, comprising No.6051 L/Cpl. Yousef Abrahami, Temporary Additional Constable 7362 Ernest Finkel, 7368 David Hass, 7679 Eisenbach, 7366 Albert Zass and 7367 David Miller, left Migdal Colony to escort labourers, who were engaged in irrigating land near Gweir Abou Shusheh Village.

2. L/Cpl. Abrahami posted his men in divers positions to guard the workmen, while he himself together with Temporary Additional Constable Albert Zass took posts on a mill overlooking the scene of operations.

3. At 3 p.m. a party of Arabs 20-30 strong appeared and requested to see the Mukhtar of Genossar. They were informed by L/Cpl. Abrahami where he (the Mukhtar) may be found, whereupon they left.

4. Later a party of Arabs approximately ten strong, approached and engaged the Corporal and his men in conversation. Suddenly two of the Arabs attempted to seize the Corporal's Rifle. There was a struggle during which the Corporal opened fire, driving off his assailants.

5. In the meantime Temporary Additional Constable Albert Zass received a blow on the head from behind. His Rifle, S.M.L.E. 44249 K was stolen.

6. The Temporary Additional Constable Albert Zass was removed to Genossar for treatment. Heavy firing had meanwhile broken out between the Mobile Reserve and a band of Arabs, who had occupied positions outside the Village.

7. At 5 p.m. a party of Special Constables from Genossar under the command of L/Sgt. Gurfinkle, appeared on the scene. The Arabs were pursued to Wadi Rabadieh from the western side of Ghweir Abou Shusheh Village.

8. During this engagement one Arab was fatally wounded.

9. Subsequently L/Sgt. Gurfinkle assembled his party and returned to Genossar.

10. A party of Military arrived and were conducted by L/Sgt. Gurfinkle to the scene of the shooting and to the Village of Ghweir Abou Shusheh. The Military returned to Tiberias at 23.00 hours.

FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

The Court is of the opinion that L/Cpl. Yousef Abrahami and Temporary Additional Constable Albert Zass were jointly guilty of culpable negligence and deliberate disregard of Standing Orders, in that they placed themselves in such a manner as to be approached, assaulted and disarmed.

L/Cpl. Yousef Abrahami led his men to a spot which although owned by P.I.C.A. is rented to Arabs and used only by Arab Workers. On his own admission he did not read his programme of work for the Mobile Reserve, but proceeded to another spot without informing his Group Sergeant or Company Commander. He admits sending Arabs away because he did not want them near the mill, which incident, in the opinion of the Court caused the subsequent action by the Arabs. Had L/Cpl. Yousef Abrahami obeyed his instructions and conformed to Standing Orders contact with Arabs would have been avoided.

Temporary Additional Constable Albert Zass took up his position about 25 metres from the mill. He admits sitting on a rock instead of being alert and watchful which is in entire contradiction of District Commanders Circular No.1 of which all Temporary Additional Police are acquainted. Further he allowed an Arab to stand behind him apparently unaware of the latter's presence until violently assaulted and disarmed.

From the evidence recorded the Court is satisfied that No.7366 Temporary Additional Constable Albert Zass sustained injuries :-

- (i) In the execution of his duty. ✓
- (ii) On account of circumstances directly and specifically attributable to the nature of his duties, but ✓
- (iii) Through his own default and neglect

The Court therefore recommend that Temporary Additional Constable Albert Zass be charged with the cost of replacement viz :-

- 1 Rifle, S.M.L.E.
- 1 Sling, Rifle, Web.
- 1 Oilbottle, Brass.
- 1 Pullthrough complete.
- 5 Rounds .303 S.A.A. Ammunition.

From the evidence recorded the Court is satisfied that L/Cpl. Yousef Abrahami knowingly led his men outside Jewish Settlement land and be charged with :-

" Disobedience of Standing Orders by leading his Mobile Reserve outside Jewish Settlement land thereby causing a serious breach of the peace " and he dismissed the Force.

Charge Sheets in this respect are attached to these proceedings.

PRESIDENT

MEMBER

K. K. K.
J. J. McCarthy A.I.

THE PALESTINE POLICE FORCE.

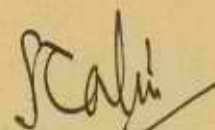
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CHARGE SHEET.

Charge against No. 7366 T/A/Const. Albert Zass. Nazareth District J.S.D. Formation.

Migdal.

G.P.P. 3150 - 6000 - 26-4-37 334/8.

Place of offence	Date of offence	Offence	Names of witnesses	Punishment awarded, and signature of officer awarding punishment
Ghweir Abu Shousheh	24.10. 1939.	1) Losing through gross negligence :- 1 Rifle, S.M.L.E. 44249 K. 1 Sling, Rifle, Web. 1 Oilbottle, Brass. 1 Pullthrough complete. 5 Rounds .303 S.A.A. Ammunition.	Documentary.	To pay the cost of replacement. 

Assistant Superintendent of Police
Nazareth & Frontier Districts.Recommendation of Officer i/c
District, or Depot.

Signature.

to

Appointment.

Inspector-General's orders

Date

INSPECTOR - GENERAL.

THE PALESTINE POLICE FORCE.

CHARGE SHEET.

No. 167/39.

Charge against No. 6051 L/Cpl. Yousef Abrahani. Nazareth District J.S.D.
Migdal. Formation. GPP. 3150-6000-26-1-37 334/8.

Place of offence	Date of offence	Offence	Names of witnesses	Punishment awarded, and signature of officer awarding punishment
Ghweir Abou Shusheh.	24.10.39	1) Disobedience of Standing Orders by leading his Mobile Reserve outside Jewish Settlement land thereby causing a serious breach of the peace.	Documen- tary.	Recommended for dismissal.  Assistant Superintendent of Police, Jewish Settlement Police, Nazareth & Frontier Districts.

Recommendation of Officer i/c
District, or Depot.

Signature.

Date

Appointment.

Inspector-General's orders

Date

INSPECTOR - GENERAL.

THE PALESTINE POLICE FORCE.

Serial No. 428

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GPP, 207-500 Pds. 10-1-56-23/8.

Date stamp

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 to these settlements ensure
 compliance with these orders
 and security of arms

Originator's instructions & signature

Time of origin

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No.9 Jordan Company,
Group Mobile Reserve No.10.

To
B/Inspector i/c
No.9 Jordan Company.

Subject :- Ammunition Expenditure ~~on~~
during an incident in the
afternoon of 24. 10. 1939.

Group Mobile Reserve's Members, Migdal.

No.	Rank.	N A M E	Amount of Ammunition.
7364	T/A/C.	David Hass	42 Rounds.
7679	"	Barcochba Eizenbach	46 "
7362	"	Arnest Finkel.	25 "
6051	L/Cpl.	Yousef Abrahami.	35 "
		Were taken from Albert Zass	5 "
		Total :-	153 "

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G E N N O S A R.

No.	Rank.	N A M E	Amount of Ammunition.
7514	T/A/C.	Emanuel Rozenfeld.	30 Rounds.
	S/Police	Yousef Tribolsky.	44 "
	"	Yacob Lufenfeld.	28 "
	"	Amnon Porvin.	35 "
	"	Yehiel Openhaim.	37 "
		T o t a l : e	174 "

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M I G D A L.

No.	Rank.	N A M E	Amount of Ammunition.
6006	L/Sgt.	Drori Gorpinkel.	5 Rounds.
	S/Police	Mordechai Galer.	4 "
	"	Pinhas Ginno.	7 "
	"	Itzhak Asherovitz	7 "
	"	Meir Goldstein	5 "
			28 "

מכתב הייבן מס 9
אולי מס 10

דפארט של הממשלה שהוצאה

24.10.39

קצ' משהי פול:

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5	5 - זקוקי אבן מאי	5
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37	5 - וולף אבן מאי	5
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7	3 - פנחס זינג	3
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5	5 - אבן מאי	5
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TRANSLATION.

No.9 Jordan Company,
Group Mobile Reserve No.10.

R E P O R T.

On 24.10.39 at 1300 hrs No.6051 T/A/Corporal Yousef Abrahami with a party of T/A/Consts. namely:- No.7362 T/A/Const. Arnest Finkel, No.7364 T/A/Const. David Hass, No.7679 T/A/Const. Einzenbach, No.7366 T/A/Const. Albert Zass and the driver No. 7367 7376 T/A/Const. David Miller, have been detailed to escort the Gennosar Labourers when irrigating their land, where they were distributed in different positions along the channel, but the Corporal and the Constable Albert Zass have placed themselves in a hight near the escorted place to enable them to ~~out~~ look the area in which the labourers were working.

2. At 3 p.m. a party of 20 Arabs carrying their tools appeared in the vicinity and asked the Corporal if they can see the Mukhtar the way in approaching the Corporal was in a fraindly manner so that the Corporal did not place any suspecion on them and explained to them where they can find the Mukhtar of Gennosar. The Arabs then left towards the Colony, in the meantime two of the Arab party attacked the Corporal and tried to take his rifle but that was without success as the Corporal through one of them on the ground and intimidating the second by firing then they all withdrew and they resumed their previous position, when they settled down they fired some shots at the attackers, whilst doing so another arab approached Albert Zass and hit him on the head with a how; consequently Zass fell ~~in~~ unconscious and the arab picked up his rifle S.M.L.E. No.K44249 loaded with five rounds ammunition, sling web, pullthrough complete and an oil bottle brass and begun to fire at the Temporary Additional Constable Eizenbach who took a laying position and replied.

3. The injured Const. was removed to the Colony for necessary first aid.

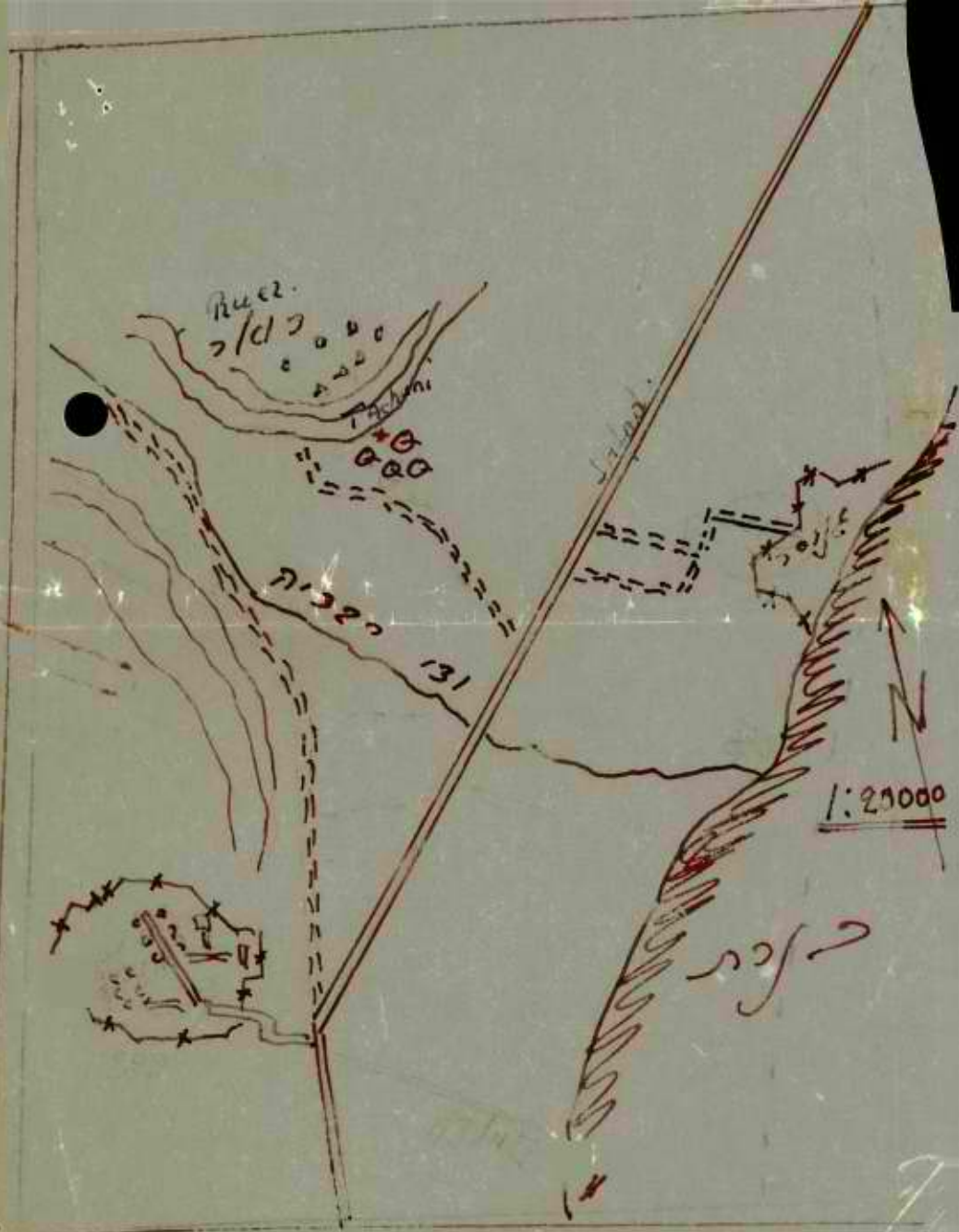
4. After a while a heavy firing started from both sides directed at the Ghaffirs who withdrew towards the Colony, meanwhile a party of Special Constables who were detailed by T/A/Sgt.Finkel arrived to the scene for help, who stated that they were attacked from several points on their way but they replied.

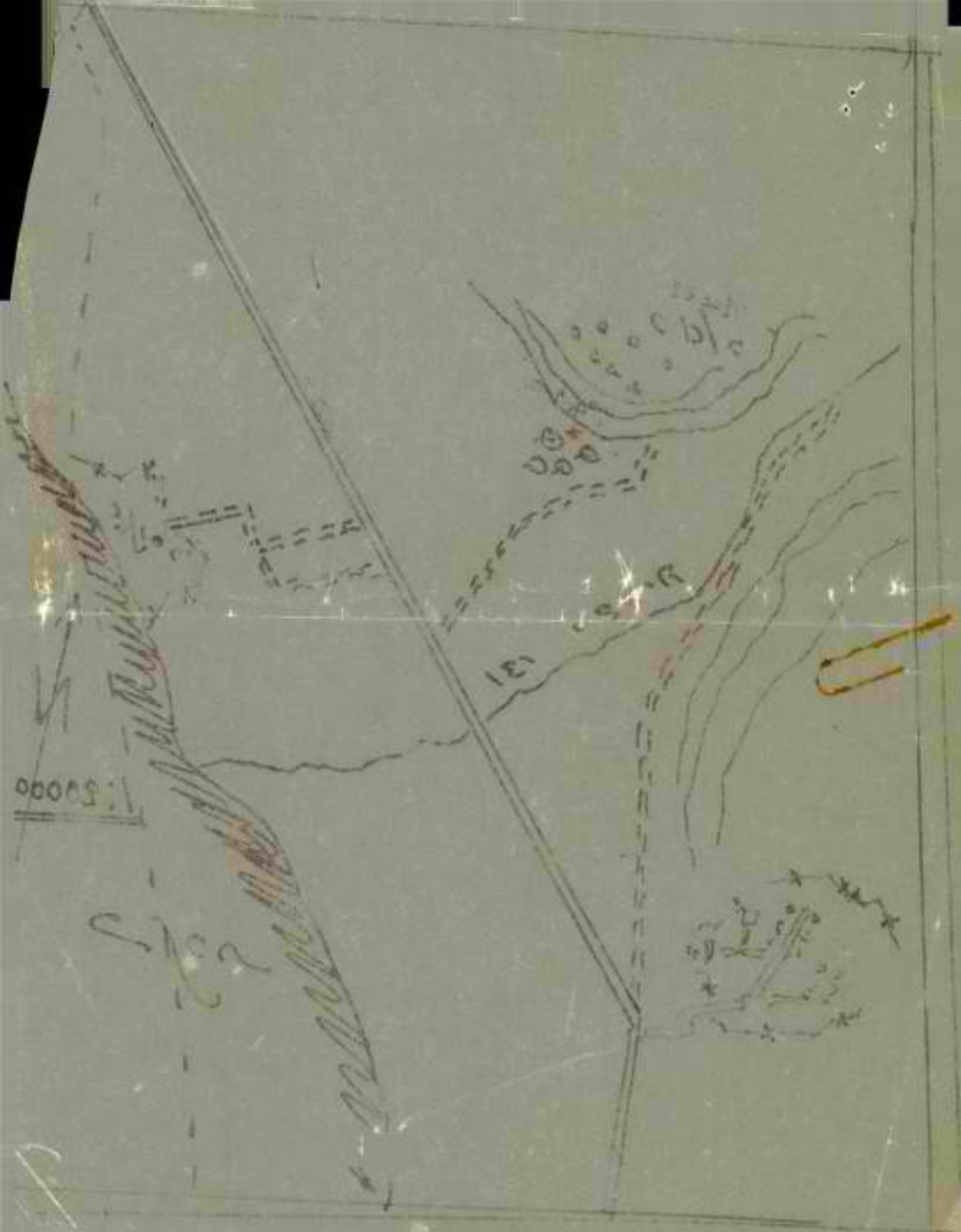
5. The party of the T/A/Constables together with a party of Special Constables advanced towards Ghuwer Abu Shusha from the westerly direction to Wadi Rabadieh where shots were exchanged and followed the retreating arab party. At a certain distance they have seen an arab wounded, they wanted to approach him in order to render him first aid but a crowd of women prevented them from doing so, as the Ghaffirs do not want to excite the women and to ~~avoid~~ in a clash.

6. As it was getting dark they decided to return back to their normal station.

(Sgd.) L/Sgt. David Drori
No.

(Sgd.) L/Cpl.Y. Abrahami
No.





6/43/39/G.

*Documents included for
refile to Q. No. 4-6*

DISTRICT POLICE HEADQUARTERS
NAZARETH.

17th February, 1940.

21/3/40

A.S.P. - J.S.P.
Tiberias.

Subject :- Court of Inquiry - Loss of
Rifle No.1 MK. 65805 S.

Reference:- Your 23/J.S.D/G. of 8.12.39.

I am to inform you that the Chief
Secretary, in his letter No.0/74/37 A of the 10th
February, 1940, authorised the write off of rifle,
No.1, MK.III, No.65805 S and one hundred cart-
ridges, S.A. ball .303-in., MK. VII, which have
been lost.



[Signature]
D. D. S. P.

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Subject :- Court of Inquiry - loss of
 Rifle No. 12. 1950 2.
 Reference :- Form 25. 1.2.1. of 2.12.50.

I am to inform you that the Chief
 Secretary, in his letter No. 177/X of the 1950
 February, 1950, authorised the issue of rifle
 No. 1, M.L.I. No. 1950 2 and one hundred and
 fifty, S.A. Ball. No. VII, which have
 been lost.

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23/J.S.D/G.

JEWISH SETTLEMENT DEFENCE OFFICE
POLICE HEADQUARTERS
TIBERIAS. 24.1.1940.

INSPECTOR GENERAL.

Subject:- Loss of rifle No.65805 S.

Reference:- Your P.30/1210 of 20.1.39

The sum of LP.9.488 mils has now been collected in respect of the cost of the above rifle.

2.. The money has been paid to the Sub-Accountant, Tiberias and two copies of the receipt voucher (F.1) are enclosed.

(Sgd) F. MOSEDALE

A.S.P. J.S.D.
Nazareth & Frontier Dsi

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To the Sub-Accountant

Tiberias.

Station

Please receive the sum of nine four hundred and eighty eight Palestine Pounds

The cost of rifle No. 65805 S which has been ^{mils, being} collected from the settlers of Beit Yousef and others. Authority Inspector General's letter No. P.30/1210 dated 20th December, 1939.

Description
of
payment

9.488.

LP. 24.1.1940. milsDate 193

Signature or

Mark of payer

Witness to Mark

[Signature]
A.S.P. J.S.D.
Nazareth & Frontier District

Note:—The person making this payment is to be given a receipt from a book of numbered receipts and is requested to sign the counterfoil in the book.

In the filling up the amount in words in the space provided for the purpose, care should be taken to write the words close up to the left, the remainder of the space (if any) being ruled through with an ink line.

No. *P30/1210*

Date *4.1.40.*

No.

Date

To: *British Inspector Galt.
J.S. P. Tiberias*

To:

Subject: *Loss of rifle no. 65805 S.*

The reply to *my P30/1210 of 20.12.39*

not having been received, you are requested to expedite it ~~and to state hereon the reason for delay and when a reply may be expected.~~





THE PALESTINE POLICE.

IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE

No. P. 30/1210.



HEADQUARTERS.

THE PALESTINE POLICE FORCE.
JERUSALEM.

20th December, 1939.

British Inspector Pitt. ✓
J.S.P. Tiberias.

Subject :- Loss of rifle No.65805 S.

With reference to our discussion concerning the payment ^{for} of this rifle by the settlers of Beit Yussef and others, kindly inform if you have been able to collect the cost and lodge it on deposit with the Sub-Accountant, Tiberias.

INSPECTOR-GENERAL.

P.30/1210.

20th December, 1939.

British Inspector Pitt.
J.S.P. Tiberias. /

Subject :- Loss of rifle No.65805 S.

With reference to our discussion concerning the payment ^{for} ~~of~~ this rifle by the settlers of Beit Yussef and others, kindly inform if you have been able to collect the cost and lodge it on deposit with the Sub-Accountant, Tiberias.

(Sgd) M. S. O'RORKE
INSPECTOR-GENERAL.

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23/J.S.D/G/

JEWISH SETTLEMENT DEFENCE OFFICE
POLICE HEADQUARTERS
TIBERIAS, 28 December, 1939.

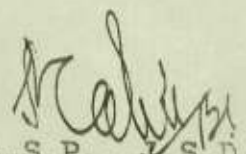
NAZARETH.

Subject :- Court of Inquiry - Loss of
Rifle No.1 Mk.65805 S.

Reference:- Your 6/43/39/G of 4.12.1939.

I beg to inform you that the loss of this
rifle is being dealt with by D.S.P. Mr. O'Rourke.

2. I am awaiting his recommendation before
completing this enquiry.


A/A.S.P., J.S.D.,
Nazareth & Frontier Districts.

6/43/39/G

DISTRICT POLICE HEADQUARTERS
NAZARETH
4th December, 1939

A/A.S.P., J.S.D., Tiberias.

Subject:- Court of Inquiry-Lost of
rifle No.1, MK., 65805 S.

Ref'nce:- My Convening Order of even
number dated 22.11.39.

Please forward proceedings
without further delay.



L. L. Goppara S.I.
D.D.S.P.

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THE PALESTINE POLICE FORCE.

CONVENING ORDER — COURT OF INQUIRY.

A court of inquiry, composed as under, will assemble at a place, date and time appointed by the president, for the purpose of enquiring into and reporting on the circumstances under which rifle, No. 1, MK., 65805 S. was lost, and to fix responsibility for same.

PRESIDENT

Name M. S.E.A. Pitt.

Appointment T/A/Inspector. J. S. D.

MEMBERS

A member to be appointed by the President.

2. The proceedings will be submitted, in original, to the convening authority, together with the convening order, and all other requisite documents.

Place Nazareth.

Date 22.11.39.

 Signature.
D. D. S. P. Appointment.

RN/4^a. Bert-Josef

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- ~~At 4~~
- (1) Received 63 rds : 303
 - (2) Oil bottles 7
 - (3) Ships webbs 7.
 - (4) Rifle S65805 (having been repaired)

5/4/39

Kco. / c .
Friedmann

E.R.A. 596116
for Tel Amal.

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On His Majesty's Service.

EXHIBIT

RN/42

J.R.C.

THE PALESTINE POLICE.

IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE

No. L. 381/39.

HEADQUARTERS,
THE PALESTINE POLICE FORCE,
JERUSALEM.

25th September 1939.

Jewish Settlement Defence Office,
Police Headquarters,
Tiberias.

Subject: Court of Enquiry.

Reference: Your J.S.D./G/3 of 14.8.39.

The receipt marked RN/4a has been examined. The handwriting expert, P/Const. Ragolsky, states that item 4 on the receipt was written by the same hand which wrote items 1, 2 and 3.

2. I also attach herewith a report from the Government Chemist who carried out an examination of the ink.

3. Please find exhibit attached.

4. G. Bixie
D.I.G. C.I.D.

This Report No. CL/14/3.

O.M. 238

Date 21-9-39

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
GOVERNMENT CENTRAL LABORATORIES
JERUSALEM.

To Deputy Inspector General,
C.I.D., Jerusalem.

Telephone: 1043

Telegrams: CENTRALAB

Reference Your L.38/39

dated 16-8-39

Nature of Sample Disputed receipt.

Markings or description Beit Yosef 26 5-4-39.

Sent in by Deputy Inspector General, C.I.D. Date received 26-8-39

Laboratory Number 7247

State of Seals -

I have examined the receipt and find that the reactions of the ink to reagents and to exposure to light indicate that the same kind of ink has been used in item (4) as in (1), (2), and (3), but provide no evidence as to time of writing.

As a whole item (4) appears to be of a somewhat bluer colour, but the last figure 5 in the number 565805 appears to me to be the same colour as the ink in items (1), (2) and (3).

Portions of all four items have been exposed to bright day-light (not direct sunlight) for 14 days without resulting in any detectable change of colour.


GOVERNMENT CHEMIST
G.W. Baker.

